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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ADJUTANTS GENERAL OF ALL STATES, PUERTO RICO, THE US VIRGIN ISLANDS, GUAM AND THE COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

SUBJECT: (All States Log Number 102-0086) Fiscal Year 2003 (FY 03) Army Communities of Excellence (ACOE) Joint Reserve Component Downselect Results for the Army National Guard (ARNG)

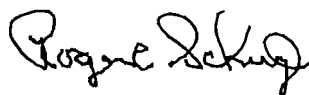
1. The ARNG jointly with the United States Army Reserve (USAR), conducted the FY 03 ACOE Downselection process in Lake Buena Vista, Florida from 5-15 September 2002. It is my pleasure to announce that the ARNG ACOE Overall Winner is the Ohio Army National Guard. The Ohio Army National Guard application packet will go forward to represent the entire ARNG in the Headquarters, Department of the Army (HQDA) ACOE Competition. See Annex A (enclosed) for the FY 03 ARNG Downselect Participants and the Award Category achieved.
2. To all of the other States and Territories that worked hard with the Army Performance Criteria Program to obtain positive results from their respective self-assessments, I offer my sincere congratulations.
3. Although all of the States and Territories that participate in the ARNG ACOE Downselect are not eligible to participate in the HQDA ACOE Competition, the ones that submitted an application package achieve higher standards by utilizing the Army Performance Improvement Criteria (APIC) to assess your organizations. The most important aspect of the ACOE program is the improvement that the APIC process brings to your organization.
4. This memorandum expires 27 September 2003, unless sooner rescinded or superseded.
5. Again, congratulations to all of the ARNG ACOE participants who made the commitment for continuous organizational improvement.

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6. Point of contact is Lieutenant Colonel Richard Samplaski, Chief, Organization Development Office, at 703-607-7050 or DSN 327-7050.

FOR THE CHIEF, NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger Schultz", written in a cursive style.

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Director, Army National Guard

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## ANNEX A

### FY 03 ARNG Downselect Results

<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Place</u>
<b>Ohio ARNG</b>	<b>ARNG Overall Winner</b>
Minnesota ARNG	Gold First Place
Wisconsin ARNG	Gold Second Place
Georgia ARNG	Gold Third Place
Vermont ARNG	Silver First Place
Nevada ARNG	Silver Second Place
Iowa ARNG	Silver Third Place
Louisiana ARNG	Bronze First Place
Arkansas ARNG	Bronze Second Place
Texas ARNG	Bronze Third Place
New York ARNG	Honorable Mention
Arizona ARNG	Honorable Mention
New Hampshire ARNG	Honorable Mention
Colorado ARNG	Honorable Mention
Michigan ARNG	Honorable Mention
Wyoming ARNG	Honorable Mention
South Dakota ARNG	Honorable Mention
Wyoming/Camp Guernsey	Special Category
Professional Education Center (PEC)	Special Category
Arkansas/Robinson Maneuver Training Area	Special Category
Arizona/Camp Navajo	Special Category